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SUBJECT: DEATH OF "FOREIGNER", POSSIBLY AMERICAN CITIZEN

REF: CHIANG MAI 325

1. BODY OF FOREIGNER (SEE REFTEL) DECOMPOSING RAPIDLY SINCE IT HAD ALREADY SPENT FOUR DAYS IN JUNGLE BEFORE BEING BROUGHT CHIANG MAI WHERE STORAGE FACILITIES INADEQUATE TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION. ON MORNING AUG 21 DEA AGENT AT REQUEST OF CONSULATE ALONG WITH THAI POLICE ATTEMPTED FINGERPRINT, BUT ONLY BLURRED RIGHT THUMB PRINT OBTAINABLE. THAI POLICE HAVE SAID THEY WILL ORDER REMOVAL FINGERS AND PLACE IN FORMALDIHIDE IN ATTEMPT PRESERVE PRINTS. AFTER THAI POLICE TRY TO MAKE PRINTS FROM PRESERVED PARTS, THEY HAVE TOLD CONSULATE WE CAN HAVE THEM FOR POSSIBLE SHIPMENT FBI WASH (AND THEN TO INTERPOLE) IF NECESSARY AS LAST RESORT AT IDENTIFICATION.

2. MEANWHILE, VICE CONSUL STRATHEARN HAS GONE TO CHIANG DAO IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VETERINARIAN MENTIONED REFTEL AND ALSO SPEAK WITH A POLICEMAN IN MAE AI (NORTH OF FANG) WHO CHIANG DAO POLICE SAY KNEW ABOUT FOREIGNER BEING IN AREA. CONSULATE EMPLOYEES HAVE VISITED ALL MOTORBIKE RENTAL STALLS AND HOTELS IN CHIANG MAI ASKING IF THEY HAVE

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ANY RECORD OF A "BOB CLARK" AND CALLED LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IN AREA WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN VISITED BY AN ANTHROPOLOGIST. TRIBAL RESEARCH CENTER EMPLOYEE STATED THAT ON AUG 13 AN AMERICAN NAMED CLARK WHO SAID HE WAS ANTHROPOLOGIST HAD REQUESTED MAPS OF CHIANG DAO AREA STATING HE WISHED TO HIKE THERE. TRC EMPLOYEE, HOWEVER, DESCRIBED MAN AS SHORT AND SLIGHT WHICH DOES NOT MEET DESCRIPTION OF BODY.

3. BODY DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS: MALE, CAUCASIAN, HEIGHT SIX FOOT ONE INCH, WEIGHT APPROX 175 LBS, HAIR BLACK, CURLY AND THINNING WITH RECEDING HAIRLINE, BLACK HAIR ON LEGS AND CHEST, ABRASION SCAR ON LEFT KNEE. TEETH WERE DESTROYED BY GUNSHOT. MAN WORE FADED BLUE JEANS, ORANGE AND WHITE STRIPED SHIRT, ORANGE TIE BELT AND GREEN RUBBER THONG SANDLES. ALSO HAD ON (INADVERTENTLY OMITTED IN REFTTEL) RED, WHITE AND BLUE PLASTIC RING WHICH COULD NOT BE REMOVED DUE TO SWELLING.

4. REQUEST DEPT CALL UNIV OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPT. OF

ANTHROPOLOGY TO INQUIRE WHETHER THEY HAVE STUDENT OR FACULTY MEMBER NAMED BOB (OR ROBERT) CLARK, WHETHER HE TRAVELING THAILAND THIS SUMMER AND IF UNIV HAS ANY INFO ABOUT HIM PERTNENT TO CASE. ALSO REQUEST GUIDANCE ON SENDING PRESERVED PARTS TO FBI.  
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